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Thanks for all the great articles...But I need MORE! (See From the Editor).

*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEXT MEETING:

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SWAP MEET
United Methodist Church
Charles St. & Northern Parkway
Baltimore, Maryland



President's Letter

The ANA is coming! The ANA is coming! No, I am not doing a Paul Revere imitation. I hope most of you are already aware that the American Numismatic Association (ANA) will be holding it's annual coin show and convention, the "World's Fair of Money" in Baltimore in 2008. The exact dates for the ANA are Wednesday 30 July – Sunday 3 August. Mark these dates on your calendar. Attending an ANA convention is a watermark event for most hobbyists. We here in Maryland and Baltimore have been extremely lucky and fortunate enough to have been chosen on several recent occasions to host this prestigious numismatic event. Regardless of any recent political problems the American Numismatic Association may have had or may still be going through, nothing dulls or puts a damper on the enthusiasm, festivities and aura of the annual ANA convention. Please take maximum advantage of having the ANA here, not just for you but also for other family members. This is the hobby at it's finest with numerous mints in attendance selling their coins, medals, etc. All the major coin grading services will be here too. There tends to be more hobby supplies and numismatic books available than even at large shows like Whitman. No one knows yet what marquee exhibits will be in town for this show. Remember the 1913 Nickels that were reunited at the last Baltimore ANA – that will be hard to top, but we will see what comes to town this time. There will be numerous competitive and non-competitive exhibits under the supervision of our own Bryce Doxzon (exhibits chair). MD TAMS member Simcha Kuritzky will be bringing us some very interesting presentations as part of the Numismatic Theater. Bill Lenz is setting up all the formal ANA tour activities and Bill Stratemeyer is chairing the ANA show pre-registration. I am General Chairman and one of our Founding Fathers, Mill Hajek, is honorary General Chairman, a very well deserved honor. As you can see, MD TAMS members have some prominent roles. Our organization is also an Honorary Host Club or Supporting Club for this prestigious national event. We will soon be asked to provide manning help for the convention, primarily as greeters and to work a local clubs table where we plan to try to sign up new members and sell MD TAMS books/references. Please try to help as much as you can. Most likely, your parking will be paid for with the required volunteer hours. There should be other benefits too, not all tangible.

The Token and Medal Society is coming too! National TAMS always has a meeting and their annual banquet during the annual ANA convention. Here is your opportunity to attend a TAMS meeting and see how the national collecting organization operates. I strongly suggest that you plan to attend the banquet. These are non-business dinners, except for some awards, that offer a chance to talk to other collectors, many very advanced, and just have a real good time. These affairs are always on Thursday evening (31 July). They also usually have many, nice door prizes. Happy New Year !!!

Edward L. Craig
President, Maryland Token and Medal Society

FROM YOUR EDITOR...



Will Mumford

It's been a long time since you have heard from your editor. We just plug along doing our thing day after day and sometimes forget what others are doing and even sometimes what we are doing! In retirement, I just plug along and wonder how I ever had time to work for a living. It is quite nice as long as your health holds out and I must admit there have been times when I didn't think I'd be around much longer. But I'm still here and even though I don't make many meetings anymore my heart is still with you.

I have been your editor for over 20 years! I know, it doesn't seem that long, but my first issue was whole number # 32...and this is whole number 114...or my 83rd issue! "Fugio"...as Ben Franklin stated on our first coin...time flies...

It has been a pleasure to be your editor and I hope to keep "editing" for a while longer...but I need your help. As of now, I have no articles to edit for the next issue...so I call on YOU the members of MD TAMS to put on your thinking caps and draft an article for YOUR journal. Good timing...just add to your New Years resolutions "To write an article for my MD TAMS Journal." Then keep your resolution.

We have been blessed to have people like Mill Hajek, Russ & Jane Sears, Curtis Judge, Wally Stone, Richard Kaminski, Bob Ruby, Jim Boswell, Ed Craig, Jim Shipley, Bernie Bodt, Joe Burford and many others. But I get worried when Wally Stone tells me he is running out of ideas! So I am letting out a yell for HELP! We need more articles...

Now you needn't rush to your desk or computer and start working on your article...take some time out and enjoy the holidays with all the festivities and family and parties, etc.... BUT after the last bowl game, head to your desk and write me about how you got started collecting, or what is your favorite token, what your collecting objectives are or about your collection...whatever strikes your mind...Meanwhile, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year... Amen!

REVENUE AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

By: W. WALLACE STONE R-47

The issue of a parking meter token is usually not looked upon as more than an every day necessity or part of today's busy schedule of city life. However, a little research into the background of the token in question turned out to be revealing in more than one facet.

The obverse of the brass, 24mm, plane edge features a large 5 cents in the middle with the following in a circular manner just inside the rim, REVENUE AUTHORITY BALTO. CO. MD. The reverse shows a facsimile of a parking meter in the center and again in a circular form FINKELSTEINS / PARKING TOKEN.

Finkelstein's clothing store was a fixture in the downtown section of Towson, Md. over a long period of time. However it went out of business after lagging sales and their building was vacant for an extended time. Recently the building was renovated and brought up to county standards and with encouragement from the Baltimore County economic development office new merchants were brought in to share space in the "Finkelstein" building.

The Revenue Authority of Baltimore County, is not, as the name suggests a county department. It is indeed a private company that lists in its resume the current operations it is involved with. The operation of four parking garages, five golf courses, twelve surface parking lots and the building which houses the Towson District Court are several of its holdings.

A joint effort in June 2004 by Revenue Authority of Baltimore County, the Baltimore County Economic Development Office and the new merchants in the "Finkelstein" building as well as other merchants in the downtown section of Towson initiated a discounted parking program for on street as well as garage parking. Hence the issuance of the 5 cent parking token.



DANIEL COIT GILMAN

By: Russ Sears



This bronze plaque was listed by A. Vernon Taylor in The Medallion Art of Baltimore Sculptors Hans Schuler and Hans C. Schuler. It is 3 7/8 by 5 5/8". When Taylor listed the piece, he felt that there may be only one in existence. My piece is the second one known.

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Daniel Coit Gilman was born on July 6, 1831, the fifth of nine children of William Charles Gilman and Eliza Coit Gilman. Growing up in Norwich, Connecticut and New York City, Gilman had the advantage of attending quality schools.

He attended both Yale and Harvard, continuing his education with the best universities in the country. Using Gilman family money and thru his own efforts, he was able to travel in Europe in the mid-1850's. In 1855, he was appointed a Commissioner from the state of Connecticut to the Paris Universal Exposition (world's fair) in 1855.

After returning to the New Haven, Ct. area, he was employed by Sheffield Scientific School as a funds raiser. Continued hard work resulted in his being offered the position of president of the relative new University of California. At age 41, in 1872, he assumed that position as the second president of the university.

After the death of Johns Hopkins on December 24, 1873, his trustees began the hard work for the start-up of the university. The administration of his trust began on February 6, 1874. On March 5, 1875, the executors of Hopkins' estate signed over to the Johns Hopkins University 14,636 shares of B&O stock, with a value of about 3.5 million dollars, designated by Mr. Hopkins to be the university endowment.

In autumn 1874, Andrew White told Gilman about the large endowment of the Johns Hopkins University.

Gilman thought about the impact he could have on American higher education with an endowment that size. In December 1874, he appeared before the trustees to share his thoughts about running a university, and listened to their goals for the new university. The trustees brought in President Eliot of Harvard, President White of Cornell and President Angell of the University of Michigan to provide their input about candidates for president of the Johns Hopkins University. These leading educators were asked about their recommendation for the position, and, independently, each recommended Daniel Coit Gilman.

As part of his direction for the new university, Gilman stressed hiring outstanding young professors, modeling the university to draw graduate students in the sciences, establish research and development, and publish scholarly journals in various fields of knowledge. History shows that he did an excellent job of recruiting. The university opened its doors on September 12, 1876.

Clifton Park, then known as Clifton, the country estate of Johns Hopkins was planned by Mr. Hopkins to be the site of the university. The trustees made the decision that Clifton was too far out the turnpikes, and established the university in the area around Eutaw, Howard and Center Streets.

Daniel Coit Gilman was the right man at the right time. His leadership, which was strongly supported by the trustees, continued until he retired in 1901.

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE



Professor Huntington

D. C. Gilman

This envelope, from 1893, was from the President's Office, The Johns Hopkins University of Baltimore. It was signed by D. C. Gilman on the left side.

- References: Daniel Coit Gilman, Creator of the American Type of University by Abraham Flexner, Harcourt, Brace and Company, New York, 1946
The Medallic Art of Baltimore Sculptors Hans Schuler & Hans C. Schuler by A. Vernon Taylor, The Numismatist, American Numismatic Association

ANOTHER SPESUTIA ISLAND CANNER, D. E. MITCHELL

By Bernie Bodt R – 282

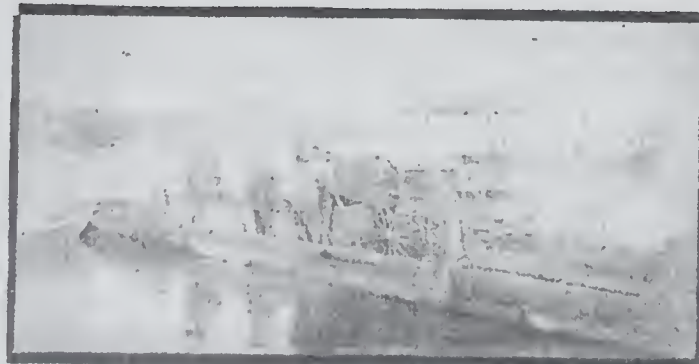
Tokens with the initials D. E. M. have been in my collection since the early 1950's. They had been considered mavericks until Mr. R. Lee Burton, Jr. gave me a copy of a partial label for Canvas Back Duck Brand, Sugar Corn packed at Spesutia Island by D. E. Mitchell, Aberdeen, Harford Co., Maryland. Spesutia Island, also spelled as Spesutie, was covered in MDTAMS Journal in the winter 2006.



Can label – Canvas Back Duck Sugar Corn

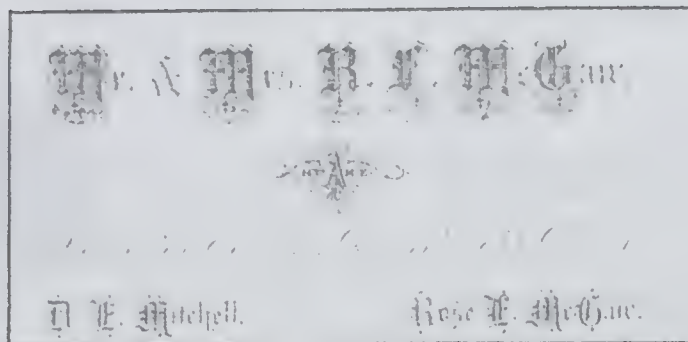
Through some contacts with other Aberdeen canning families, I was able to locate the great-grand daughter of D. E. Mitchell. This nice lady shared considerable information about the family and their canning operations.

Daniel Edward Mitchell (called Ned by the family) was born December 21, 1840 and died March 8, 1897. He was listed as a fruit and vegetable packer in the 1896-97 addition of The Maryland State Gazetteer with address of Cole, MD (now on Aberdeen Proving Ground), which was the closest post office to Spesutia Island.



Old Spesutia Ferry Boat, which was discontinued at the outset of World War I, when the Government took over the mainland for the Aberdeen Proving Ground. Identified on the picture from left is Ned Mitchell and right is "Punk" Washington, operator of the Ferry at that time. c.1896

Below is a wedding announcement for D. E. Mitchell to Rose E. McGaw dated December 18, 1872. It is interesting to note the bride's father was R. F. McGaw, who canned at Boothby Hill (also on APG) from 1880 to 1889.



Wedding Announcement – December 18, 1872

The last 4 tokens listed were found in brilliant uncirculated condition. Since all the tokens with the \$ signs are the same shape and diameter, it is believed they were never placed in circulation due to the ease of confusion. In every example of these last four tokens, the \$ sign is reversed.

The various tokens attributed to D. E. M. are:

- 1) D. E. M (incuse)
(blank)
brass, 21mm



- 2) D. E. M / 2 ½ (incuse)
(blank)
brass, 21mm



- 3) D. E. M & CO (incuse)
(blank)
brass, 21mm



- 4) D. E. M & CO (incuse)
(blank)
brass, scalloped 12p, 22mm



- 5) D. E. M & CO / 4 (incuse)
(blank)
brass, 21mm



- 6) D. E. M & CO / 25 (incuse)
(blank)
brass, 23mm



- 7) D. E. M & CO / 25 (incuse)
D. E. M & CO
brass, 23mm

- 8) D. E. M & CO / 100 (incuse)
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brass, scalloped 12p, 25mm



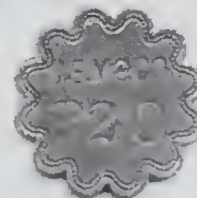
- 9) D. E. M & CO / \$5 (incuse)
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brass, scalloped 12p, 25mm



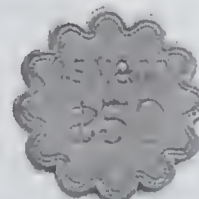
- 10) D. E. M & CO / \$10 (incuse)
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brass, scalloped 12p, 25mm



- 11) D. E. M & CO / \$20 (incuse)
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brass, scalloped 12p, 25mm



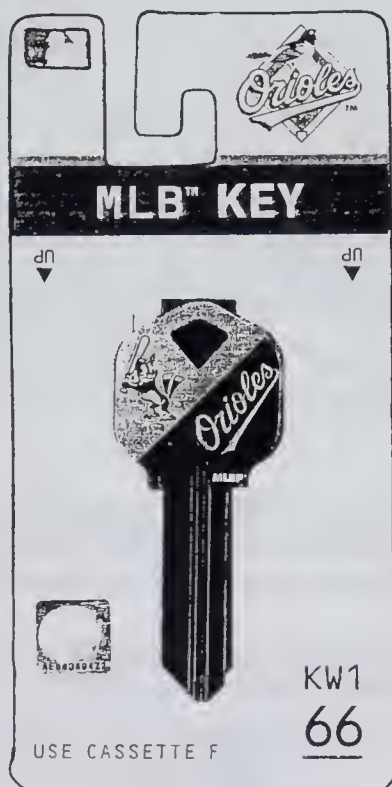
- 12) D. E. M & CO / \$50 (incuse)
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brass, scalloped 12p, 25mm



A NEW PIECE OF MARYLAND EXONUMIA

BY W. WALLACE STONE R-47

While shopping recently at a neighborhood home supply store I saw located next to the cashiers station a display of blank keys. One of these was a Baltimore Oriole Baseball team logo, with the appropriate team colors, of black and orange. Needless to say a purchase was made and a new piece of Maryland exonumia now resides in my collection. For those who have interest in this sideline of tokens and medals, the item may be found at Home Depot stores in the department that handles door hardware, keys and related articles.



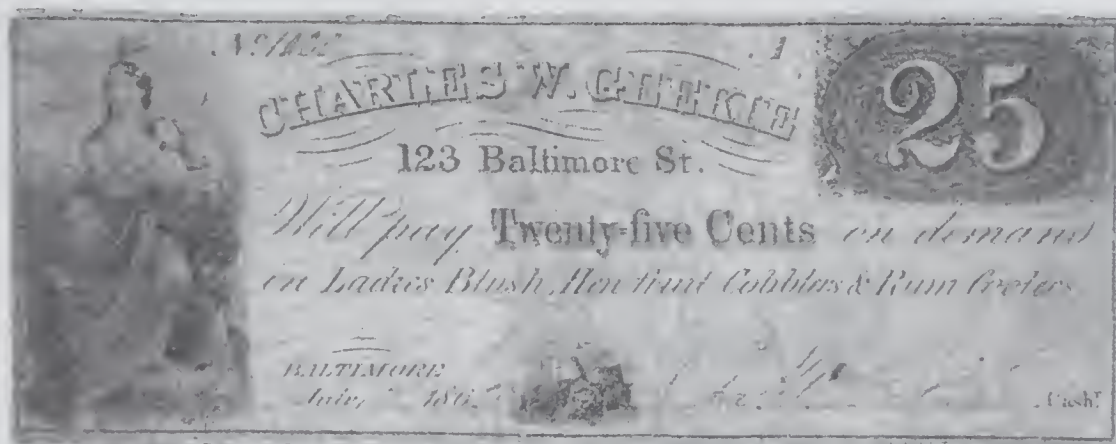
LADIES DIDN'T BLUSH

The Charles W. Geekie tokens of Baltimore, Maryland

By Russ Sears

When he wrote the book, Maryland Merchant Tokens, David Schenkman's research showed Charles W. Geekie listed in Baltimore directories between 1860 and 1876. Each of the four different known tokens say "Ladies Blush". For those of us who collect Baltimore tokens, we have wondered what Charles W. Geekie did to make the ladies blush.

Ladies Blush was a drink just like Hen Fruit Cobblers and Rum Coolers. This was determined by research and by looking at the rare 1862 Geekie note, illustrated below.

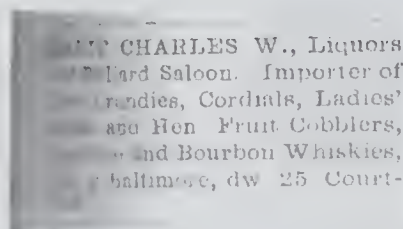


1862 note of Charles W. Geekie

Another thought about Geekie would be the era in which the tokens were used. It should be noted that both the tokens and the note say "Ladies Blush". Since Geekie was in business during the Civil War, and the note is dated 1862 these tokens may be considered Civil War tokens.

The only Baltimore City Directory we found which listed "Ladies Blush" was the *Woods' Baltimore City Directory 1865 - 1866* which listed:

GEEKIE CHARLES W., Liquors
And Billiard Saloon. Importer of
Pure Brandies, Cordials, Ladies'
Blush and Hen Fruit Cobblers,
Pure Rye and Bourbon Whiskies,
123 w Baltimore, dw 25 Court-
Land



The Geekie tokens in our collection are illustrated below. They are 23mm and were purchased from the Fuld collection in 1982. The left two pieces are white metal while the right two pieces are German silver. When we purchased the German silver 10, it was the only one of its type known. We have not seen a second one and seldom see the Geekie tokens at all.



“Reminder!”

MD TAMS Swap Meet

Sat., Jan. 26th, 12 – 3 P.M.

**Buy, Sell, Trade your
Tokens, medals & exnumia**

**Grace United Methodist Church
Charles St. & Northern Parkway**

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A GOOD DEAL from the Maryland Archives

BY: W, Wallace Stone R-47

While recently researching for background information on an early Maryland token I was at the Maryland Archives Hall of Records building located in Annapolis. I was able to successfully gain the facts to complete my quest, While in the Archives display room I was able to purchase a very nice State of Maryland issued medallion of the "Annapolis Convention Bicentennial 1784-1984".

The Annapolis Convention is not as well known as other conventions and ratifications in an around the revolutionary period taking place in Annapolis, Philadelphia and New York. It was however an important building block. From the Columbia Electronic Encyclopedia, Columbia University Press, the following description is stated ; "Annapolis Convention, interstate convention called by Virginia to discuss a uniform regulation of commerce. It met in Annapolis, Md. With only 5 of the 13 states----- Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia represented, there could be no full-scale discussion of the commercial problems the nation faced as a result of the weak central government under the Articles of Confederation. The main achievement of the convention was the decision to summon a new meeting for the express purpose of considering changes in the Articles of Confederation to make the union more powerful. An address was drawn up by Alexander Hamilton and was sent to all the states, asking them to send delegates to Philadelphia in May 1787. The move was extra-constitutional, but Congress passed a resolution urging attendance. The call from Annapolis was heeded and the delegates from 12 states met. From that Federal Constitutional Convention was to emerge the Constitution of the United States".

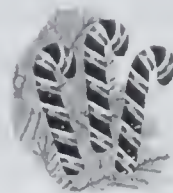
The antiqued 39mm brass medallion issued by the State of Maryland predominantly features the Maryland State House on the obverse. The reverse pictures a detailed rendition of Mann's Tavern, the site of the Convention. This attractive medallion may be purchased through the offices of the Maryland Hall of Records in Annapolis .Md. for \$1.00. Their address is; Maryland State Archives, 350 Rowe Boulevard, Annapolis Md. 21401. Phone Number 410-260-6400 or 1-800-235-4045 Ask for ITEM # 274.



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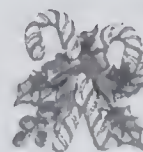
Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year...”



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that one special token that you have been
searching for all your life...and with it
Great Joy....**



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